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SUBJECT: 2005 HIGHWAY URBAN AREAS POPULATION ESTIMATES

Highway Urban Area (HUA) and HUA by County population estimates are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2005 distribution of funds. A map of the Highway Urban Areas, as currently defined by the Department of Transportation, is also attached.

HUA estimates are consistent with the latest electronic boundaries provided by the Department of Transportation. Electronic Boundaries are offset 75 feet from street centerlines so that entire bounding roadways can be shown as either in or out of the HUA.

Estimate Procedures 2005

The Office of Financial Management uses the Small Area Estimates Program for 2005 Highway Urban Area population estimates. This new program generates population figures from building permits and demolitions, average persons per household, and occupancy rates. However, it differs from prior procedures in that housing is updated at the block/blockgroup level using geocoded building permits, assessor data and postal statistics. For this reason 2005 estimates are not directly comparable to previous estimates.

This program captures housing and population growth in small areas that had no population or housing in the 2000 census counts making it particularly suited for special area estimates. When boundary lines split census blocks, population is distributed based on the proportion of the physical area of the block within or outside of the HUA.

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If you have any questions regarding these figures or methodology, please contact me at (360) 902-9815 / Kyle.Reese-Cassal@ofm.wa.gov

Attachments

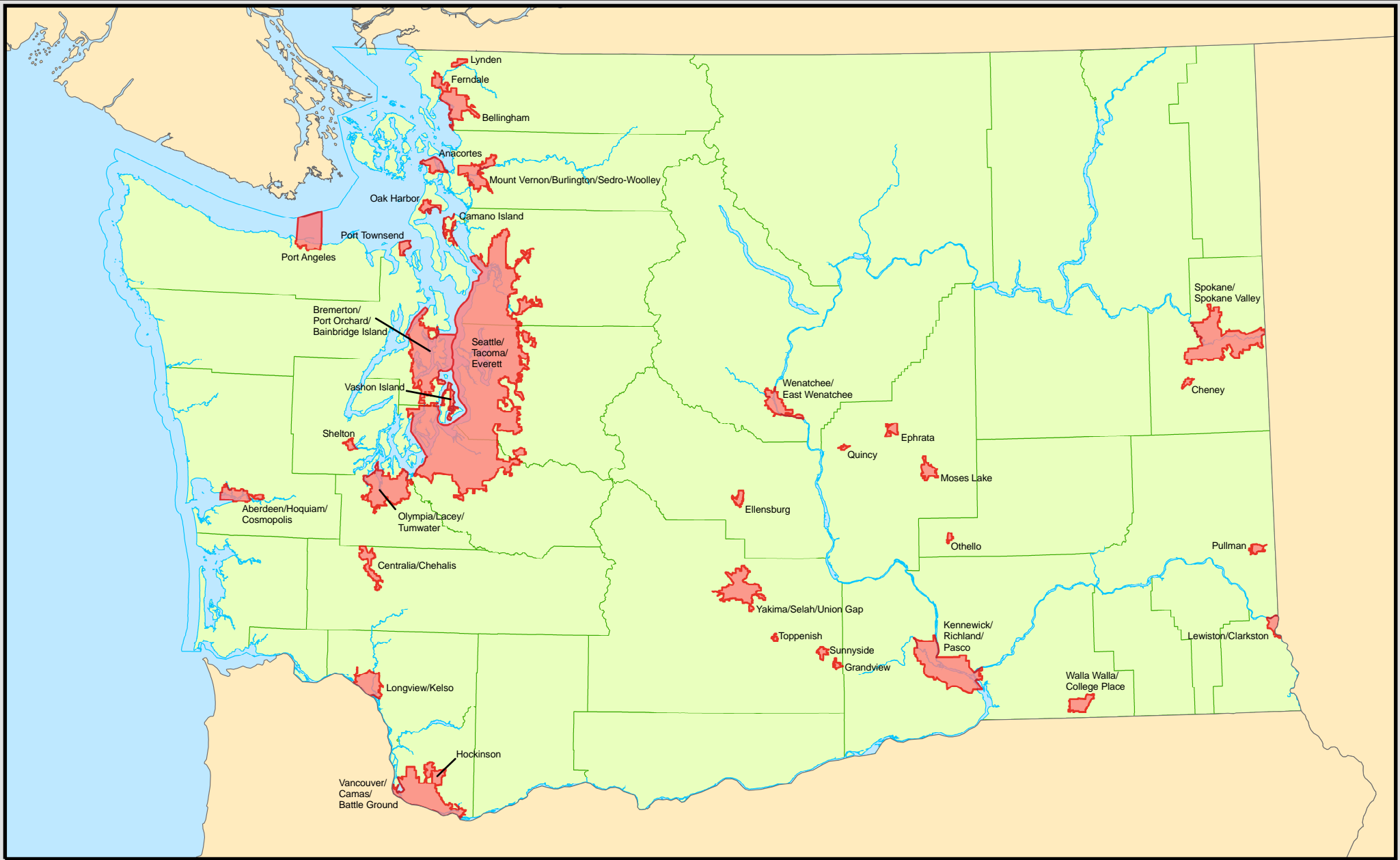
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TABLE 1. Population Estimates by Highway Urban Area: 2005

	Highway Urban Area	2005
1	Aberdeen/Hoquiam/Cosmopolis	29,545
2	Anacortes	16,072
3	Bellingham	91,204
4	Bremerton/Port Orchard/Bainbridge Island	188,925
5	Camano Island	7,151
6	Centralia/Chehalis	27,792
7	Cheney	10,183
8	Ellensburg	16,833
9	Ephrata	7,001
10	Ferndale	13,613
11	Grandview	9,090
12	Hockinson	4,888
13	Kennewick/Richland/Pasco	182,771
14	Lewiston/Clarkston	19,722
15	Longview/Kelso	61,160
16	Lynden	10,671
17	Moses Lake	23,789
18	Mount Vernon/Burlington/Sedro-Woolley	56,742
19	Oak Harbor	23,937
20	Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater	155,293
21	Othello	6,124
22	Port Angeles	21,668
23	Port Townsend	9,109
24	Pullman	26,286
25	Quincy	5,233
26	Seattle/Tacoma/Everett	3,002,393
27	Shelton	9,060
28	Spokane/Spokane Valley	354,228
29	Sunnyside	15,639
30	Toppenish	8,954
31	Vancouver/Camas/Battle Ground	330,348
32	Vashon Island	5,087
33	Walla Walla/College Place	43,994
34	Wenatchee/East Wenatchee	59,011
35	Yakima/Selah/Union Gap	119,539
	Total	4,973,056

TABLE 2. Population Estimates by Highway Urban Area by County: 2005

	County	Highway Urban Area	2005
1	Adams	Othello	6,124
2	Asotin	Lewiston/Clarkston	19,722
3	Benton	Kennewick/Richland/Pasco	132,664
4	Chelan	Wenatchee/East Wenatchee	34,421
5	Clallam	Port Angeles	21,668
6	Clark	Hockinson	4,888
7		Vancouver/Camas/Battle Ground	330,348
8	Cowlitz	Longview/Kelso	61,160
9	Douglas	Wenatchee/East Wenatchee	24,590
10	Franklin	Kennewick/Richland/Pasco	47,502
11	Grant	Ephrata	7,001
12		Moses Lake	23,789
13		Quincy	5,233
14	Grays Harbor	Aberdeen/Hoquiam/Cosmopolis	29,545
15	Island	Camano Island	7,151
16		Oak Harbor	23,937
17	Jefferson	Port Townsend	9,109
18	King	Vashon Island	5,087
19		Seattle/Tacoma/Everett	1,725,340
20	Kitsap	Bremerton/Port Orchard/Bainbridge Island	188,925
21		Seattle/Tacoma/Everett	793
22	Kittitas	Ellensburg	16,833
23	Lewis	Centralia/Chehalis	27,792
24	Mason	Shelton	9,060
25	Pierce	Seattle/Tacoma/Everett	707,850
26	Skagit	Anacortes	16,072
27		Mount Vernon/Burlington/Sedro-Woolley	56,742
28	Snohomish	Seattle/Tacoma/Everett	568,410
29	Spokane	Cheney	10,183
30		Spokane/Spokane Valley	354,228
31	Thurston	Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater	155,293
32	Walla Walla	Kennewick/Richland/Pasco	2,605
33		Walla Walla/College Place	43,994
34	Whatcom	Bellingham	91,204
35		Ferndale	13,613
36		Lynden	10,671
37	Whitman	Pullman	26,286
38	Yakima	Grandview	9,091
39		Sunnyside	15,639
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Total			4,973,056



Legend

- Highway Urban Areas
- WA County Boundaries

Department of Transportation Highway Urban Areas: 2005



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